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Mr. Dennis McLerran, Administrator
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Our members recently became aware of the draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. It is very disappointing to us that EPA has chosen to hold public meetings so quickly after the draft assessment was published and as summer begins in Alaska. Given that summer is a critically important time of year for our people, we respectfully request an extension of the comment period for the assessment until October to will allow us time to fully review the document and to meaningfully comment on its content.

We appreciate the time and meetings you have held with us thus far but as you know they have mainly been to talk about process and time frames not the content and implications of the assessment. The EPA has never informed us about what they have compiled or any of information contained in the assessment.

As this is such an important issue to our shareholders, tribal members, and community residents, we request an expedited consideration of our request to extend the public comment period until October so we can let our people know they will have sufficient time to properly evaluate the document and to comment on the draft assessment. Since the EPA chose to hold hearings in Seattle to accommodate for the schedules of Bristol Bay commercial fisherman, we hope similar consideration will be given to the native residents of Alaska who use this time of year for a range of culturally important matters.

Sincerely,

Iliamna Village Council,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorene Anel, President".

Lorene Anel, President